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BROWNBACK, ROBERTS, BOND, ASHCROFT SEND LETTERS IN SUPPORT OF VANGUARD AIRLINES AND MIDWEST EXPRESS AIRLINES ATTEMPT TO EXPAND AREAS OF SERVICE

WASHINGTON – U.S. Sens. Sam Brownback, Pat Roberts, Kit Bond, and John Ashcroft today sent two letters to Rodney E. Slater, Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, supporting Kansas City-based Vanguard Airlines' and Midwest Express Airlines' applications to expand service between Kansas City International Airport and Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and New York's La Guardia Airport.

"Today, we sent letters to Secretary Slater at the Department of Transportation on behalf of Vanguard Airlines and Midwest Express Airlines, supporting their effort to expand services to Reagan National Airport in Washington, DC and La Guardia Airport in New York City," Brownback said.

"If their applications are accepted, critically needed competitive non-stop service between Kansas City and Washington, DC and New York City will result. Kansas City consumers stand to benefit from a wider range of flights from which to choose, and better ticket prices that will result from increased competition," Brownback said.